

REQUIREMENTS FOR  
**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, PREKINDERGARTEN-12 CERTIFICATE**  
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

*THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL-BASED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS. ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CERTIFICATE MUST BE MET. FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 15-534.03, EACH EDUCATOR MUST NOTIFY THE CERTIFICATION DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN 30 DAYS. ALL DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING TRANSCRIPTS, BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. REQUIREMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE FULLY REFERENCED IN THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.*

➤ **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, PREKINDERGARTEN – 12 CERTIFICATE**

*The certificate is valid for 6 years and may be renewed with completion of Sixty (60) clock hours of relevant professional development in the field of speech pathology, or professional development in the areas of articulation, voice, fluency, language, low incidence disabilities, curriculum and instruction, professional issues and ethics, or service delivery models.*

**Requirements for the Speech-Language Pathologist Certificate are:**

1. A Master's or more advanced degree, from an accredited institution, in Speech Pathology or Communication Disorders. Official transcript(s) required.
2. A minimum of 250 clinical clock hours supervised by a university or a speech-language pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence. Please submit a letter signed by a university department head or designee OR signed by a speech-language pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence to verify clinical clock hours.
3. **ONLY ONE** of the following:
  - A. A Certificate of Clinical Competence. Please submit a notarized photocopy of your Certificate of Clinical Competence **and** ASHA membership card OR submit a letter from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to verify your Certificate of Clinical Competence; **OR**
  - B. A passing score on the Education Testing Service National Exam in Speech-Language Pathology. Please submit a notarized photocopy of your score report; **OR**
  - C. A passing score on the speech and language impaired special education portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).
4. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety (602) 223-2279.